a survey for fresh identification of problem villages for potable water; and

(b) if so, what is the number thereof and what are the targets for the current year and the next year, state-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMA NAND YADAV): (a) and (b) The States and Union Territories are conducting surveys for identification of fresh problem villages. The provisional state-wise statement of freshly indentified problem villages and a statement indicating state-wise targets for the current year is annexed. Targets for the next year have not been finalised.

[See Appendix CXXXIX, Annexure No.75]

Committee to Identify Hazardous Pesticides

1164. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:
SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Committee has been constituted to identify the pesticides, the use of which is hazardous to human health; and

(b) if so, when was it constituted and the names of the pesticides it has suggested to be banned and till those are banned, what safety measures are being adopted as a precaution ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) No Committee has been constituted by the Ministry of Agriculture to identify the pesticides, the use of which is hazardous to human health. However, a Committee had been set up on 14-8-1984 to review the pesticides which have been banned or restricted in other countries. The Commitee has submitted reports on two important pesticides. mamely DDT and BHC. A decision on the recommendations will be taken after these have been examined after taking into account all releveant factors.

As regards the safety measures. these are well defined and laid down in the Insecticides Rules framed under the Insecticides Act and other relevant Acts/Rules. The state Governments and others train the farmer in the judicious use of pesticides according to the prescribed dosages. due observance of the prescribed waiting periods, etc. The literature accompanying the containers also set out in detail the procedure and dosages for safe and affective use.

Losses due to drought

1165. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the estimated losses under various heads suffered due to droughts, in the Sixth Five Year Plan period and so far up to July, 1986 and

(b) the expenditure incurred on Drought Prone Areas Programme during the above periods and outcome thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) A statement indicating year-wise details of extent of damages caused due to drought during the years